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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Subject: Proposed Assessment for State Cessation Order No. MC-05-01-06,
Limelight Green Quarry (S/003/012), Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Mullard:

The undersigned has been appointed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under R647-7.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced cessation order. The cessation order was issued by Division Inspector, Lynn Kunzler, on May 24, 2005. Rule R647-7-103 et. seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty for the violation as follows:

- MC-05-01-06(1)– Violation 1 of 1 \$1980

The enclosed worksheet specifically outlines how the violation was assessed.

By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Cessation Order has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty. If the violation has not been abated at the time of the proposed assessment, the assignment of good faith points cannot be made. If you feel that you are eligible for good faith, you should supply relevant information to the assessment officer within 15 days of the violation abatement date so that it can be factored into the final assessment.

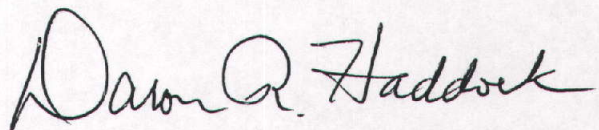
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Otherwise, under R647-7-106, there are two informal appeal options available to you:

1. If you wish to informally appeal the fact of the Cessation Order, you should file a written request for an Informal Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. This conference will be conducted by the Division Director or Associate Director. This Informal Conference is distinct from the Assessment Conference regarding the proposed penalty.
2. If you wish to review the proposed penalty assessment, you should file a written request for an Assessment Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If you are also requesting a review of the fact of violation, as noted in paragraph one, the assessment conference will be scheduled immediately following that review.

If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of the cessation order will stand, the proposed penalty(ies) will become final, and the penalty(ies) will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the proposed assessment. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Vickie Southwick.

Sincerely,



Daron R. Haddock
Assessment Officer

Enclosure: Worksheets
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<u>PROBABILITY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** *Before enlarging a small mining operation beyond five acres, the operator must file a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations and receive Division approval. A few acres have been disturbed at this location without revising the Notice of Intent to do so. While the Operator has a Notice of Intent for a small mine, which allowed disturbance up to 5 acres, the operation has expanded to approximately 8 acres. Approximately 3 acres have been disturbed that were not approved for disturbance. Disturbance has actually occurred.*

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage? RANGE 0-25

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 8

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** *The inspector stated that the operator has disturbed approximately 3 acres of land that had not been approved for disturbance. The damage was the loss of resources and soil on the area disturbed. Further discussion with the inspector revealed that the damage is probably temporary. While much of the soil and vegetation have been disturbed, the site could still be reclaimed. While the damage is extensive over the property, it probably does not leave the site. Damage is accessed in the lower 1/3 of the range.*

B. ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS (Max 25pts)

1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? RANGE 0-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 28

III. DEGREE OF FAULT (Max 30 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.13)

- A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO--NO NEGLIGENCE; or, was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, the failure to abate any violation due to the same or was economic gain realized by the permittee? IF SO--GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence	0
Negligence	1-15
Greater Degree of Fault	16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Negligence

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 10

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** *The inspector indicated that the operator was notified by certified letter dated April 19, 2000 that he had expanded beyond 5 acres and needed to obtain a large mine permit or reclaim to below 5 acres. The operator did not keep close track of the disturbance that he was creating. He had reclaimed some, but did not realize that he had exceeded the 5 acre area. This indicates lack of diligence or lack of reasonable care. A prudent operator would understand the need to keep track of the area being mined and obtain approval prior to expanding his mining operations. No contact was made to the Division, to verify the need for a large mine permit. The Operator was negligent in this regard, thus the assignment of points in the middle to upper part of the negligence range.*

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.) (R467-7-103.2.14)

(Either A or B) (Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures)

- A. Did the operator have onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area?

IF SO--EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

- Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
- Rapid Compliance -1 to -10
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
(Operator complied with condition and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

*Assign in upper of lower half of range depending on abatement occurring the 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

- B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance?

IF SO--DIFFICULT ABATEMENT

Difficult Abatement Situation

- Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
- Extended Compliance 0
(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard of the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)
(Permittee complied with conditions and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? Difficult

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** *The abatement has not yet been completed, so good faith points cannot be awarded at this time. This category will be looked at again after the abatement has been completed. Points will be awarded depending on how quickly the abatement is met.*

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY (R647-7-103.3)

NOTICE OF VIOLATION # <u>MC-04-02-01(1)</u>	
I. TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>0</u>
II. TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>28</u>
III. TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>10</u>
IV. TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u> </u>
TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>38</u>
 TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	 <u>\$1,980</u>